

*City of Alexandria, Virginia*

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 12, 2002

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 18 : HISTORY OF LOCAL FUNDING FOR THE  
ALEXANDRIA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (MAYOR DONLEY'S REQUEST)

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This memorandum is in response to the request by Mayor Donley, at the March 20, 2002, work session, for a history of the Alexandria City Public Schools portion of the City's operating and capital expenditures

**Capital Expenditures**

The attached chart (Attachment 1) presents the Schools' CIP as a percentage of the total CIP over the past ten years. In this period, the Schools' portion of the CIP has increased from 20% to 48%. The significant increases have been the result of the following initiatives.

- FY 1998 - 2003 -** Funds were budgeted in FY 1998 and 1999 for a new West End elementary school (Samuel Tucker).
- FY 1999 - 2004 -** Substantial increases were budgeted for nearly all schools, as recommended in the facilities assessment prepared by an outside consultant, for HVAC systems, windows, media centers and classroom additions.
- FY 2000 - 2005 -** Additional funds were added to FY 2000 for the completion of Samuel Tucker Elementary School and funds were budgeted in FY 2001 and 2003 for renovation and expansion of G. W. and F. C. Hammond Middle Schools and the Minnie Howard 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Center.
- FY 2001 - 2006 -** Funds were added for the continued modernization of various school buildings, including new furniture and equipment, and for middle school expansion projects.

**FY 2002 - 2007 -** Funds were identified for renovations at Lyles Crouch, Ramsay and Maury Elementary Schools and for significant renovations and expansion at T. C. Williams and Minnie Howard.

As Attachment 1 shows, the Schools' portion of the six-year CIP has increased almost 150% over the past ten years, from 20% to 48%, and the dollar amount has increased more than 500%, from \$15.4 million to \$93.8 million. In this same ten-year period, school enrollment had increased much less, by 13%, from 9,815 to 11,104. It is interesting to note that, for more than ten years, the Schools' enrollment as a percentage of the City's total population has remained steady (Attachment 2) since 1988 at approximately 8.5 percent. Attachment 3 compares the FY 2002 (September 2001) enrollment of area schools as a percentage of their jurisdiction's total population. The difference between percentage increases in enrollment and CIP funding reflects significant school renovation funding. (The Schools' portion of the proposed six-year CIP for FY 2003 - 2008 reflects both a decrease in the portion, from 48% to 47%, and a decrease in the dollar amount, from \$93.8 million to \$86.7 million. This is largely attributable to FY 2002 - 2007 including significant middle school capital funding.)

Attachment 4 presents the ACPS portion of the FY 2003 CIP and comparable information for local jurisdictions. (FY 2001 is the most recent year that Arlington County has produced a CIP, and Fairfax County's CIP covers five years compared to six years for the other jurisdictions.)

### **Operating Expenditures**

The ACPS portion of the proposed FY 2003 General Fund operating budget is \$114.9 million, which is 30.8% of the total proposed General Fund operating budget of \$373.3 million. The following table provides a comparison of the past 5 years of the City's appropriation to ACPS. The slight decline in the Schools' share of the total City General Fund budget can be attributed in part to increased school debt service and school cash capital allocations which are not reflected in the appropriation to the Schools but are in the total General Fund (GF) budget. Also, the shift in FY 2001 of highway maintenance expenditures (\$4.6 million in the proposed FY 2003 budget) from the Special Projects Fund to the General Fund caused the Schools' share to decrease.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>ACPS allocation</b>	<b>Total GF Budget</b>	<b>ACPS Share</b>
FY 1998	\$85,934,818	\$264,974,389	32.4%
FY 1999	\$88,812,971	\$273,092,680	32.5%
FY 2000	\$92,360,410	\$288,228,198	32.0%
FY 2001	\$98,780,870	\$320,801,862	30.8%
FY 2002	\$107,269,189	\$350,171,550	30.6%
FY 2003 (Proposed)	\$114,932,680	\$373,311,244	30.8%

The following provides a comparison for FY 2002 (the most recent year in which comparable data from the MABE guide are available) of the local funding effort for Northern Virginia jurisdictions.

<b>Jurisdiction</b>	<b>General Fund Appropriation to Schools</b>	<b>Total General Fund Budget</b>	<b>% General Fund Appropriated to Schools</b>
Alexandria	\$107,269,189	\$350,171,550	30.6%
Arlington	\$213,061,555	\$581,730,784	36.6%
Fairfax County	\$1,183,618,422	\$2,307,490,473	51.3%
Prince William	\$225,236,210	\$476,642,136	47.3%

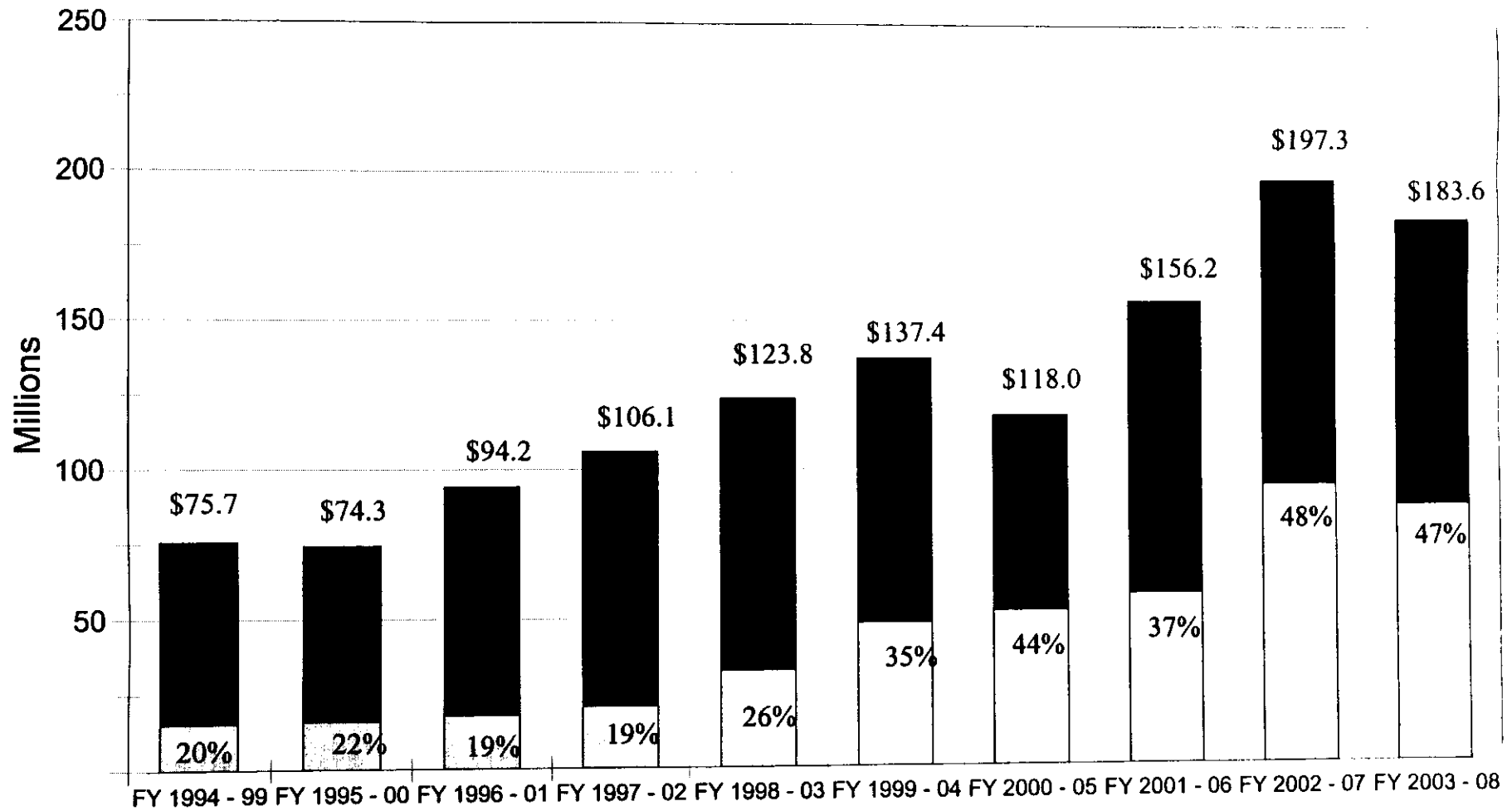
**ATTACHMENTS:**

- Attachment 1 - Alexandria City Public Schools CIP allocation as a percentage of the total City CIP
- Attachment 2 - ACPS enrollment compared to the total City population
- Attachment 3 - ACPS enrollment as a percentage of the City population compared with other Northern Virginia jurisdictions
- Attachment 4 - FY 2003 ACPS Capital Improvement Program as a percentage of the total CIP compared with other Northern Virginia jurisdictions

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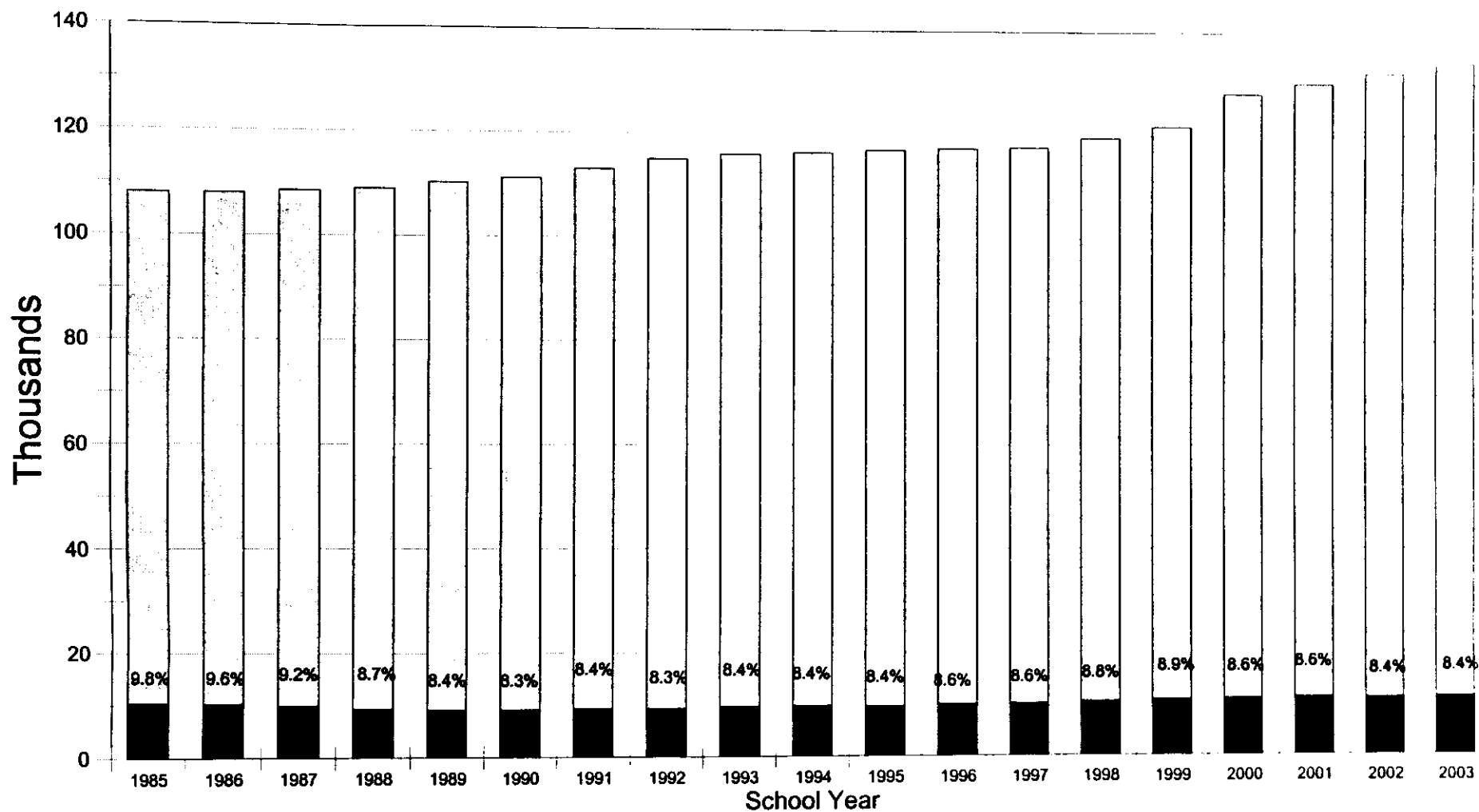
# Schools Share of Total CIP

## FY 1994 - 2008



Note: The dollar figure at the top of each bar reflects the City's total six-year CIP for each time period. The percentage near the bottom of each bar reflects the Schools' six year portion of the CIP total.

# Enrollment Compared to Population 1985 - 2003

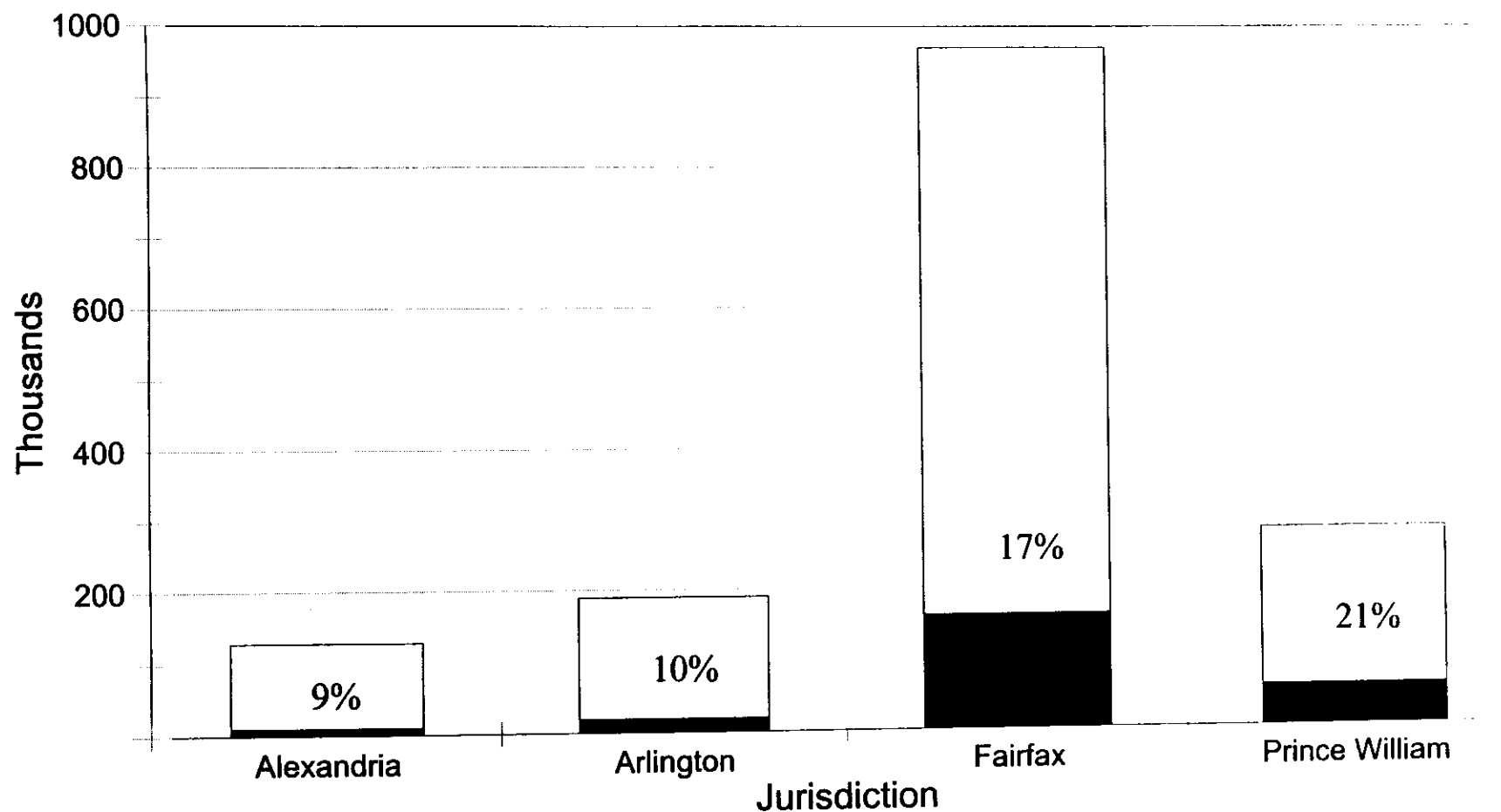


Note: The bar chart reflects the City's population for each year and the percentages near the bottom of each bar chart reflect the Alexandria City Public Schools total enrollment as a percentage of the City's total population.

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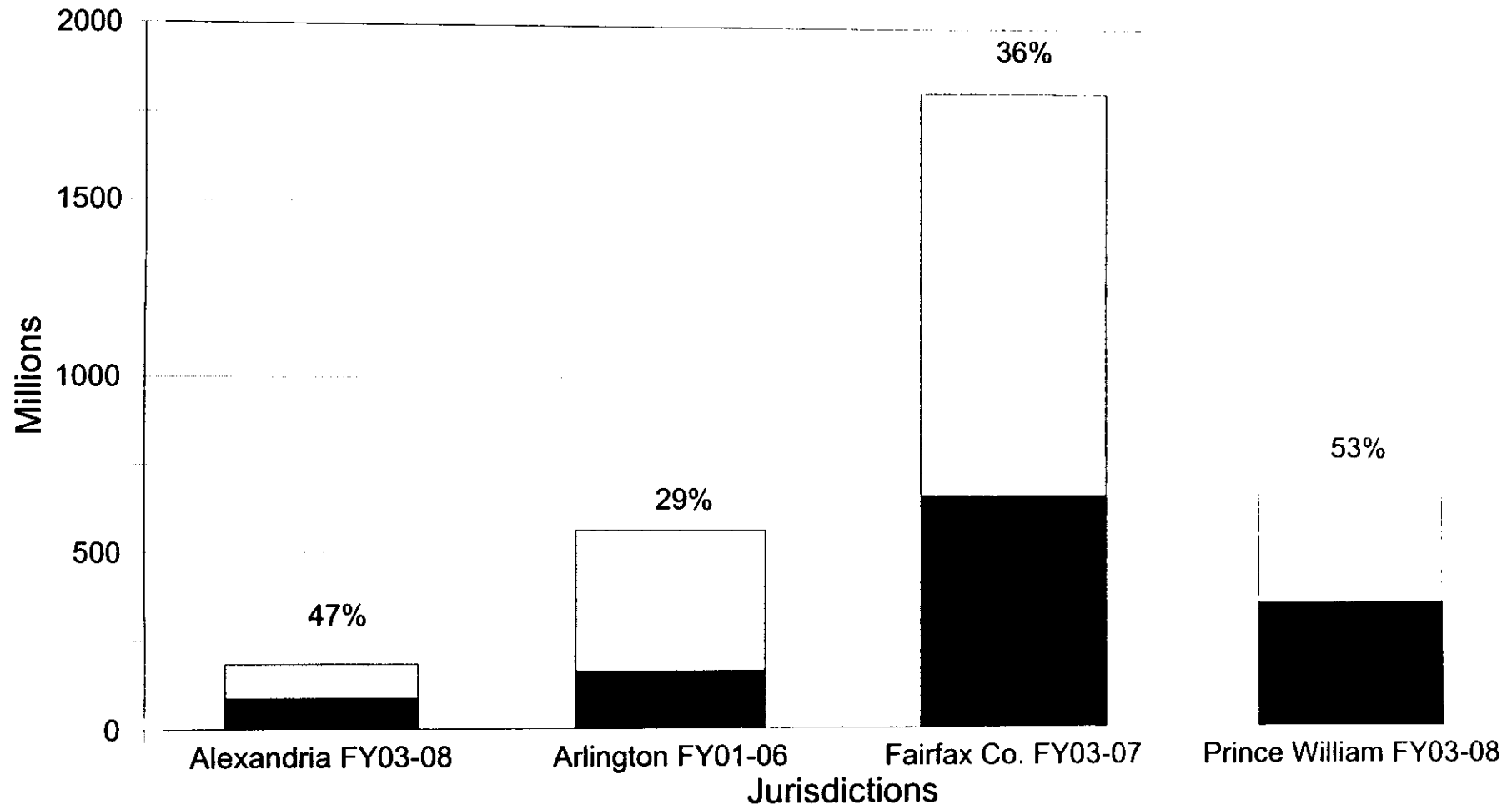
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## School Enrollment in September 2001 Compared to Population Northern Virginia Jurisdictions



Note: The percentages reflect each jurisdiction's public school enrollment as of September 2001, compared to the total population of each jurisdiction as reported in the 2000 census.

## FY 2003 CIP Allocations Northern Virginia Jurisdictions



Note: The percentages reflect the portion of each jurisdiction's total multi-year CIP proposed for FY 2003 that is allocated to the public school system. FY 2001 - 2006 is the most recent Capital Improvement Program budget available for Arlington County.